

REMARKS


Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 23 and 24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 23 and 24 depended from claim 22 whose limitations are now included in claims 23 and 24. Thus, claims 23 and 24 should be allowed. All of the remaining claims depend directly or indirectly from allowed claims 23 and 24. Thus, all claims under consideration should now be allowed. The withdrawn claims have been canceled as suggested by the Examiner.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 146712001400.

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